



Millard



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County Highlight

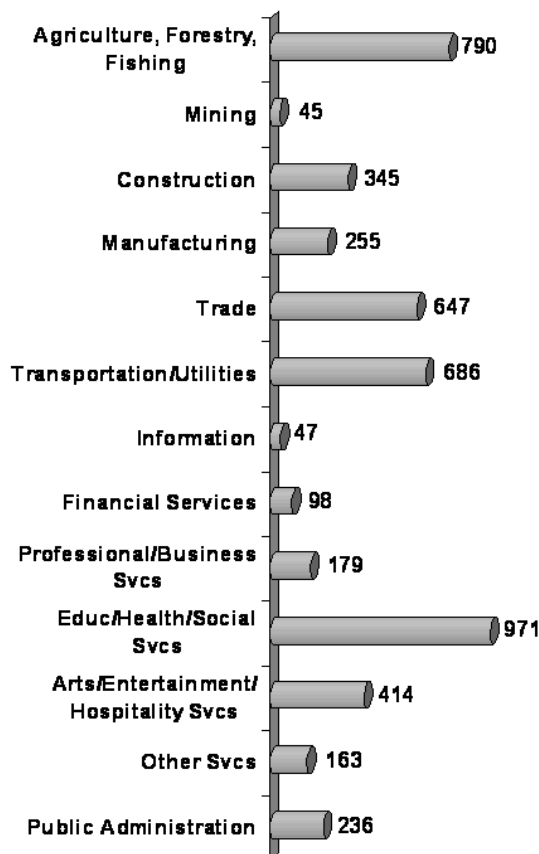
For years, Millard County's economy has struggled with employment and population losses. Recently, however, its employment picture has turned around with the addition of several new employers and a spurt of construction activity. In fact, the county is now creating jobs at a very rapid pace and its unemployment rate is dropping.

Due to the presence of the Intermountain Power Project, Millard County shows an unusual domination by the "utilities" industry. This helps Millard County show a higher wage than most counties of comparable size.

Agriculture also plays an important role in the Millard County economy. The 2000 Census indicates that roughly 16 percent of the county's workers are employed in agriculture—fourth highest share in the state. However, much agricultural employment is at large facilities (such as the mushroom farm) rather than in the family farm we often associate with Utah farming.

For more information about Millard County, check out: <http://jobs.utah.gov/wi> "State, County and Local Information"

2001 Employed Millard County Population by Industry



Source: U.S. Census Bureau.

Note: The data in this chart differs from typically published figures. Here, employment is based on place of residence rather than place of work. Also, agriculture and self-employment are included. Finally, government employment is scattered among the various industries based on function rather than ownership.

- ✓ **Fillmore was Utah's first state capitol and is home to the Territorial Statehouse Museum.**
- ✓ **Millard County is a great spot for "rock hounds." Trilobites, red beryl, sunstones, and gem-quality topaz can be found here.**
- ✓ **Topaz Internment Camp near Delta was the forced home to roughly 8,000 Japanese-Americans during World War II.**